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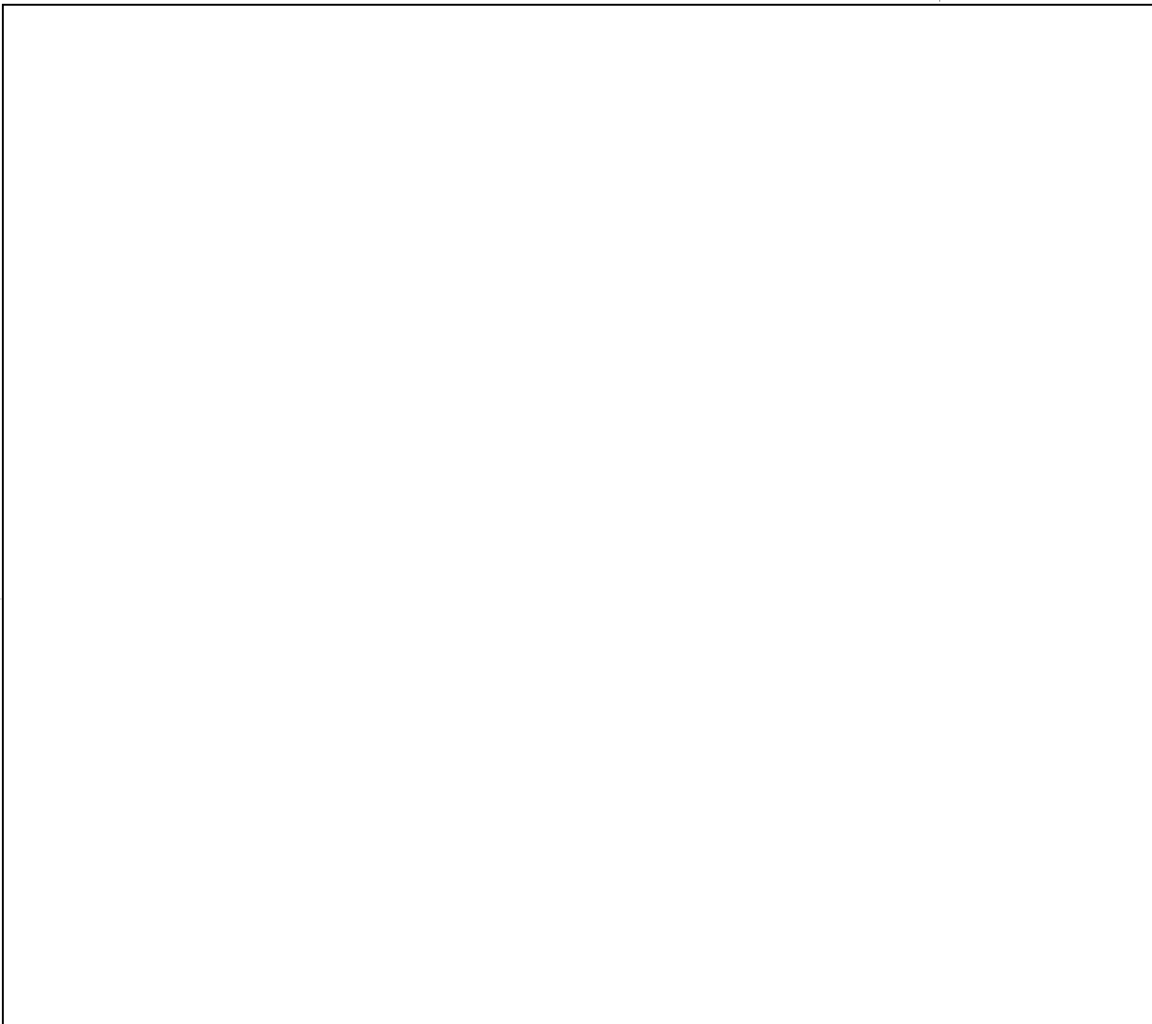
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Tehran appears to be preparing for new US sanctions.

In Tehran yesterday, the emphasis in the traditional Muslim prayers was on steadfastness and sacrifice. Ayatollah Khomeini reiterated that "American threats will not make the slightest effect" on Iran's determination to hold onto the hostages and warned that any move against Iran would lead to unrest in the Persian Gulf states.

The Revolutionary Council's refusal on Thursday to agree to transfer the hostages will not be easily reversed. The hardliners led by Ayatollah Beheshti seem certain to continue to block any final decision and demand that Ayatollah Khomeini rule on the issue.

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